

Funded PhD studentships available



Do you want to undertake PhD training at a Centre of Research Excellence?

PhD STUDENTSHIPS available from October 2016: including fees bursary and stipend

We are looking to recruit a number of PhD students to work on projects hosted within The Institute for Primary Care and Health Sciences (iPCHS) at Keele University. The iPCHS is the largest and most successful Research Institute at Keele (<http://www.keele.ac.uk/pchs/>). It is dedicated to undertake research that will improve the quality of care for people with arthritis, chronic musculoskeletal pain, mental health problems and associated comorbidities. It hosts the Arthritis Research UK Primary Care Centre-of-Excellence, is a current member of the NIHR School for Primary Care Research and holds the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Pioneering the early prevention and treatment of chronic pain. 91% of Keele's research in Primary Care has been judged world leading or internationally excellent (Ref 2014). The following projects are available:

RPCH2016/02	Pain in Dementia: Consultation and treatment within Primary Care
RPCH2016/03	Understanding self-harm in older people: a qualitative study
RPCH2016/04	The impact of musculoskeletal pain on health and disease outcomes in older people with multimorbidity
RPCH2016/05	The effect of antidepressants on consultations for back pain
RPCH2016/06	Population impact of arthritis; estimating the extent of the impact and identifying potential targets for healthcare, public health and policy makers to reduce the burden
RPCH2016/07	Treatment fidelity in randomised controlled trials for musculoskeletal pain
RPCH2016/08	Mapping primary care doctors' interests with population disease burden: is musculoskeletal pain neglected?
RPCH2016/09	The impact of co-morbidity on exercise and clinical outcomes in those with OA in primary care.
RPCH2016/10	Physiotherapists' role as a weight loss facilitator for adults with osteoarthritis
RPCH2016/11	Views and experiences of patients with musculoskeletal conditions aged 65+ on stratified care: implications for primary care
RPCH2016/12	Psychosocial interaction, and influence on outcomes for those with musculoskeletal pain
RPCH2016/13	The epidemiology of imaging use for the diagnosis and management of osteoarthritis in primary care: evidence synthesis and secondary analysis
RPCH2016/14	Exploring the perspectives of young adults living with a stoma, and healthcare professionals about access to care for mental health needs: a qualitative study
RPCH2016/15	Understanding impact of psychological distress in general practitioners and practice nurses: a mixed methods study
RPCH2016/16	Examining the influence of examiners' episodic memory on recollection accuracy and score variability in medical education performance assessments

Applicants should have a good first degree (2:1 or above) in a relevant discipline and a Masters degree in a related discipline is desirable. Funding is available for three years to cover fees for PhD registration (2015/16 home/EU rates: £4,052) and a research studentship stipend of currently £14,057 per annum for 2015/16. Non-EU students would be required to pay the balance (currently approximately £8,000 per annum) of the overseas fees themselves. A programme of research training will also be provided and it is anticipated that students will be involved in a number of Keele and institute-wide activities including research seminars, journal clubs and an annual student conference.

Applicants can only apply for 3 studentships, please ensure that you reference the studentship number (RPCH2016/XX) throughout your application. Please apply here;
<http://www.keele.ac.uk/pgresearch/studentships/>

Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd June 2016
Interview dates are to be confirmed

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